

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION VIDYAMANDIRA

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FIRST YEAR [BATCH 2020-23]

ENGLISH (GENERAL)

PAPER : II

Date : 14/08/2021

Time : 11 am – 1 pm

Full Marks : 50

1. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×10]

- Comment on the theme of Nissim Ezekiel's poem 'Goodbye Party for Miss Pushpa T. S.'.
- How is Ramanujan's poem 'A River' different from other poets who have written on the same subject?
- Comment on the central theme of Kamala Das's poem 'An Introduction'.

2. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×15]

- Bring out the contrast between Manjula and Malini as presented in Karnad's play *Broken Images*.
- How does Manjula justify writing her novel in English? Do you agree with her views? Give reasons for your answer.

3. Answer **any one** of the following questions: [1×15]

- How did Moorthy preach the Gandhian ideas in his village? Do you think he was able to follow what he preached? Discuss with reference to Raja Rao's novel *Kanthapura*.
- What role does Jayaramachar play in Raja Rao's novel *Kanthapura*? Discuss with close reference to the text.

4. Make a précis of the following passage and provide a suitable title: [10]

A keen sense of humour is the hall mark of culture. When a person can crack a joke on himself, he raises himself at once in the estimation of his friends. There are people who can throw jokes at others, but never take one thrown against themselves. This one-way traffic is not really a high sense of good humour. It is the essence of humour that there should be give and take in the process. Good humour is often the test of tolerance. A fanatic is incapable of good humour. He is tearing others to pieces fearing of getting himself torn all the time. Good humour defeats itself if there is malice in it, or is indulged in to hurt others. A joke should make the person who makes it and the person who has to take it, laugh together. That is why tolerance and culture are the sources of every good joke.

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